# Light and Shading 

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## Administrivia

- I sent out requests for waitlist additions. I will continue to add as spots free up but chances are diminishing.
- PLEASE SIGN UP ON PIAZZA. There are no secrets on canvas.
- HW1 out. Any general questions (not about content)?
- Discussion on Wednesday: image processing / numpy. Materials out on piazza.


## Recap: Projection

## Image $\rightarrow \boldsymbol{P}=\boldsymbol{K}[\boldsymbol{R}, \boldsymbol{t}] \boldsymbol{X} \longleftarrow$ World Intrinsic Extrinsic <br> 

## Recap: Lenses

Pinhole Model


Mathematically correct Not quite correct in practice Reasonable approximation

Reality: Lenses


Necessary in practice Introduce complications Complications fixable

## Today

- A little bit about light and how you represent it
- A little bit about lighting and how it works


## Your Very Own Camera



Where's the film/CCD?

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Where's the film/CCD?

## Demo Time

## What is Retina/Film Made Of?



## Two Type of Photo Receptors

## Cones

cone-shaped less sensitive operate in high light color vision

Rods
rod-shaped
highly sensitive
operate at night gray-scale vision


## Rod / Cone Sensitivity



## Rod/Cone Distribution

(a)


Blindspot
(b)


## Electromagnetic Spectrum



## Why do we see light in these wavelengths?

## The Physics of Light



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## How Do We Get Light?

## Artificial Cones



Estimate RGB at 'G' cells from neighboring values

## Color Image



Slide Credit: J. Hays

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## Images in Python



## Images in Python

## Images are matrix / tensor im

```
im[0,0,0]
top, left, red
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im[y,x, c]
row $y$, column $x$, channel $c$
im[H-1,w-1,2]
bottom right blue


## 5 Things To Always Remember

1. Origin is top left
2. Rows are first index (what's the fastest direction for accessing?)
3. Usually referred to as Height $x$ Width
4. Typically stored as uint8 $[0,255]$
5. for $y$ in range( H ): for $x$ in range $(\mathrm{W})$ : will run 1 million times for a $1000 \times 1000$ image. A 4 GHz processor can do only $4 K$ clock cycles per pixel per second.

## Representing Colored Light



## Discussion time: how many numbers do you actually need for colored light? Assume all tuples ( $\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{G}, \mathrm{B}$ ) are legitimate colors (they are).

## One Option: RGB

Cons

1. Distances don't make sense 2. Correlated


## RGB



## Another Option: HSV

Pros

1. Intuitive for picking colors
2. Sort of common
3. Fast to convert

## Cons

1. Not as good as other better spaces


Slide Credit: J. Hays, HSV cylinder: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HSL_and_HSV

## HSV



## Another Option: YCbCr/YUV

## Pros <br> 1. Great for transmission / compression

## Cons

1. Not as good as other better smart color spaces


Cb

## YCbCr




## Another Option: Lab

## Pros <br> 1. Distances correspond with human judgment 2. Safe

Cons<br>1. Complex to calculate (don't write it yourself, lots of fp calculations)



## Lab



Photo credit: J. Hays

## Why Are There So Many?

- Each serves different functions
- RGB: sort of intuitive, standard, everywhere
- HSV: good for picking, fast to compute
- YCbCr/YUV: fast to compute
- Lab: the right(?) thing to do, but "slow" to compute
- Pick based on what you need and don't sweat it: color really isn't crucial


## So Far

## How do we represent light and its storage on film?



## Now



## Light and Surfaces

## What happens when light hits a surface?

Surface

## Light and Surfaces



Surface
What happens when light hits a surface?

1. Absorbed

It's absorbed and
converted into some other form of energy (e.g., a black shirt getting hot in the sun)

## Light and Surfaces



What happens when light hits a surface?
2. Transmitted

Possibly bouncing around before going through or out (e.g. lenses bend and go through, milk bounces around)

## Light and Surfaces



Surface

What happens when light hits a surface?
3. Reflected

It's reflected back, in one or more directions with varying amounts (e.g., mirror, or a white surface)

## Light and Surfaces



What happens when light hits a surface?
4. Everything

All of the above! Real surfaces often have combinations of all of these options.

## Modeling Light and Surfaces



## Specular and Diffuse Reflection

Same lighting, as close as possible camera settings, but different location


## Specular and Diffuse Reflection

 Diffuse Specular

Totally different

## Diffuse Reflection



## Lambertian Surface

Light depends only on orientation of surface $\phi_{i}, \theta_{i}$
to light. Result of random small facets. Looks identical at all views.

## Diffuse Reflection



Surface

## Lambert's Law

N : surface normal $S$ : source direction and strength
$\rho$ : how much is reflected

$$
\begin{gathered}
B=\rho \boldsymbol{N} \cdot \boldsymbol{S} \\
B=\rho\|\boldsymbol{S}\| \cos (\theta)
\end{gathered}
$$

## Specular Reflection



Specular Surface<br>Light reflected like a mirror, but spreads out in a "lobe" around the reflection ray

Surface

## Specular Reflection



Surface

## Phong Model

V : angle to viewer
$R$ : reflection ray $\alpha$ : shininess constant

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B=\left(V^{T} R\right)^{\alpha}
$$

## BRDFs can be incredibly complicated...



Slide Credit: L. Lazebnik

## What Can This Be Used For

## Shape from Shading

Lambert's Law: for every pixel i


Reflected

Light<br>(1 dim)

Surface
Illumination
Orientation Global, (3? dim) (3 dim)
Given: illumination and light, recover normals Potential problems?

## Shape From Shading

$$
\overbrace{\text { 1D, fixed }}^{B_{i}=\rho \boldsymbol{N}_{i} \cdot \boldsymbol{S}}
$$

- System of equations that's underdetermined ( N equations, 2 N unknowns, $\mathrm{N}+3$ known)
- Solution: Add more equations that enforce smoothness or finding a single surface.


## Realistic Shape From Shading



- System of equations that's underdetermined ( N equations, $2 \mathrm{~N}+3$ unknowns)
- Solution: need prior beliefs to disambiguate.


## Ambiguity



## Ambiguity

## Humans assume light from above (and the blueness also tells you distance)



## Shape from Shading in Practive


https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4GiLAOtjHNo

